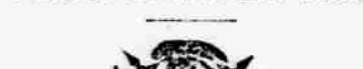


THREE SCORE AND TEN.



Craig Lodge Celebrates the Seventieth Anniversary of Old-Fellowship.

The 25th day of April is to all Old-Fellows what May 24th is to the Grand Army of the Republic. All over this land, and in every city where civilization exists, the Old-Fellows pay their respects to the memory of those three grand men, who, in the year 1820, organized this organization which has grown to be one of the grandest and strongest benevolent organizations on the face of the globe. The members of the Order are to be seen, parade, speech making and a general Old-Fellows' love fest. Although the day was a cloudy one, the weather was damp, disagreeable, weather, every Old-Fellows' heart was warm, light and free from care, but on having a good time, the rain did fall throughout the day in light showers. The Craig Lodge did all in their power to make the occasion a pleasant one, and their success was a source of congratulations from their visiting brethren, who came from Rock Port, St. Joseph, Oregon, Graham and Mound City.

Every detail was well arranged and planned in the various committees, under the charge of a general committee and the committee filled their respective parts in a highly creditable manner.

The Opera House, where the exercises were held, was decorated in a beautiful manner, the stage set to a woodland scene, and on each side of the stage, decorative plants were displayed in abundance. Overhead were the mystic links in evergreen, and on the columns at each side of the stage, the words "Love and Truth" were displayed in evergreen, and the whole presenting a neat and attractive picture.

Craig is known as the pleasantest and most hospitable town in the northwest, and her people seemed to be determined that they would earn reputation in this respect in the northwest, and the visiting members of the order are loud in their praises of their reception in Craig, and will doubtless ever remain green in their memories.

The various committees were composed of the following:

On General Arrangements—E. Kallenbach, H. M. Prosser, J. W. Stokes.

On Music—H. Bungenstock, J. M. W. Boyer.

On Speakers—J. W. Stokes, H. L. P. M. Boyer.

On Reception—H. L. P. M. Boyer, Tom Clark, E. Kallenbach, J. L. Johnston, W. Boyer.

The choir furnished most excellent music, and was composed of Misses Lena, Edna and May Redmon, Emma Kallenbach, Fannie and Vena Doughty and Messrs. Bungenstock, Perrin, Redmon, Hunter and Carmichael.

Craig Lodge was instituted June 25, 1839 through the efforts of Robert Scott, now a resident of Craig, who was assisted by Messrs. J. W. Stokes, Grand Master, and E. M. Sloan, Grand Secretary.

Among its charter members were: C. W. Foster, John E. Kallenbach, John Cochran, W. N. Nelson, F. A. Blood, C. E. Barnes, J. O. Elmore, Ashley J. Williams, Thomas Farnsworth, W. H. McInnes, and J. W. Stokes.

At the first meeting of the lodge, the following were installed as its first officers: C. E. Barnes, Noble Grand; Thomas Farnsworth, Vice Grand; John E. Kallenbach, Secretary; W. H. McInnes, Recording Secretary; W. H. McInnes, Treasurer. These officers were not installed until July 25, 1839.

The lodge continued to flourish in condition for a number of years when it ceased to work and remained in an inactive condition for some time, but through the efforts of David Decker, who was installed as Grand Master, the lodge was revived, and the efforts of W. M. Boyer, J. L. Johnston, J. W. Stokes, Joseph Wise, H. L. Ward, H. Bungenstock, and others, it was re-installed on March 5th, 1887, and started upon its new career, which has been one of the most brilliant and successful in the history of Old-Fellowship in this section of the state. The dispensation was placed in the hands of William Kaucher, District Deputy at that time.

Among those who have held membership with this lodge for the longest time, are Dan Hogan, J. W. Stokes and J. L. Johnston.

The present officers of the lodge are: G. G. Kellogg, V. G. E. Kallenbach, Per. Sec. H. L. Williams; Rec. Sec. R. M. Price; Treas. Tom Clark.

Strange to say, during the life of the lodge, not a single death has occurred; Charles Thayer, at one time, Noble Grand of the lodge, died in Iowa, while the lodge was not working. Hence no member of the lodge has ever been buried with the bugles of the order.

It has been liberal in its contributions to the sick and distressed, and has a healthy relief fund.

Its membership is composed of the very best citizens of Craig and vicinity, and the interest taken in the lodge work is such a character as only the best of men can give.

Its membership is composed of the following well-known citizens:

W. M. Boyer, E. Kallenbach, J. L. Johnston, J. W. Stokes, H. Bungenstock, J. M. W. Boyer, C. E. Barnes, J. O. Elmore, Ashley J. Williams, Thomas Farnsworth, W. H. McInnes, and J. W. Stokes.

The exercises of the day were held in the afternoon, and were begun on the arrival of the train from the south bearing the Lodges from Oregon and Mound City, the Craig and Rock Port Lodges were met by the Old-Fellowship and preceded by the Mound City Cornet band, they immediately formed in procession in front of the hall and marched through the main streets of the town, came back to the hall, where after music by the band, the opening ode was sung by the members of the Order, after which Rev. Wm. M. Sapp, of Hesperian Lodge at Graham, invoked the divine blessing upon the Order and the celebration of the Anniversary now in progress.

W. F. Dyer, of St. Joseph, was then introduced by the N. G. of Craig Lodge, addressed the audience. He said: "We have met for the purpose of celebrating the anniversary of the establishment of the Old-Fellowship in America. Apparently insignificant things produce the most far-reaching results. A single drop of water will produce a commotion, though slight, that will be seen at a long distance from where it fell. So the movement to organize the Old-Fellowship by a few men at Baltimore in 1820, has produced that effect which is now felt throughout the world. An acorn, though small, grows into a tree, and produces the mighty oak, so Old-Fellowship has sprouted, become deeply and firmly rooted and its branches have overshadowed the whole land, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from the Gulf of Mexico to the Arctic Ocean. The true origin of the order is unknown but many traditions exist in relation thereto. Some ascribe it to Adam who created the first man, and others to Noah who saved the world from the flood. Some ascribe it to the Roman soldiers in the early days of the Empire an organization existed which some writers give as the origin of our order. Similar organizations existed in Spain

in the fourteenth century, in France in the fifteenth, and in the sixteenth century the Royal Legion of Honor was established in England which many claim as the origin of our order.

But the order claims nothing for the past but for what it is doing now.

The Order was mentioned by De Foe early in the eighteenth century.

In 1782, carnival associations were numerous throughout England.

In 1790 the Manchester Unity was organized and is now the largest fraternal organization in the world.

Other leading events in the Order are the birth of Thomas Widley who was born in England in 1782. In 1837 he came to America, settling at Baltimore, where he met John Wells, another member of the Manchester Unity. They advised in the Baltimore American for the establishment of a lodge in Baltimore.

This brought out John Davenport and John Cheatham. A subsequent advertisement brought Richard Smith, a member of the Order, who arrived in April, 1839, at the Seaside Inn organized Washington Lodge number 1.

A charter had been previously obtained from the Grand Lodge of England. Subsequently Widley and his associates received a charter for the Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States. Then came the new Grand Lodge. From this the new Grand Lodge increased rapidly.

In 1823, on account of the difference in the work of the Order between the United States and in England, the Manchester Unity having made major changes without notifying the order, the Grand Lodge of the United States was organized, thus came the Independent Order of Old-Fellows.

The organization of the Order may be given as follows:

First, Subordinate Lodges which include the initiatory and let, 2nd and 3rd degrees. Second, Grand Lodges, which include the 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 140th, 141st, 142nd, 143rd, 144th, 145th, 146th, 147th, 148th, 149th, 150th, 151st, 152nd, 153rd, 154th, 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